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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM JORDANIAN PLANNING MINISTER BASSEM AWADALLAH TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM BURNS

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1. (U) Please forward the following message from the Jordanian Planning Minister Bassem Awadallah to Assistant Secretary William Burns. Signed original was pouched from

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this office on 07/28/2003.

2. (SBU) Begin Text:

H.E. William J. Burns,
Assistant Secretary of State
for Near Eastern Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency,

I refer to Your Excellency's letter regarding Jordan's Education Reform Initiative.

The gracious and stately support that the United States has demonstrated, over the years, to Jordan has been and will remain to hold a considerable impact on our realization of unsurpassed accomplishments and ability to continue in our steadfast mission of achieving diverse social and economic initiatives for the advancement and progress of our people.

In this context, allow me Your Excellency, to extend my gratitude for your continuous support and for Mrs. Elizabeth Cheney's commitment to helping Jordan in the field of education reforms, which will hopefully be presented through the Middle East Partnership Initiative. This initiative represents an additional model of the United States' commitment to supporting developing countries in their efforts toward the development and the prosperity of their people.

In the meantime, please accept my highest esteem and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bassem I. Awadallah
Minister of Planning

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